



Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group 2672

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEAKI OHSHIMA et al.)
Application No.: 09/176,274)
Filed: October 21, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY : July 17, 2003

Examiner: J. Brier

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

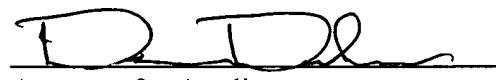
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2003 for three months from April 22, 2003 to July 22, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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